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BYU Enrollment Now 25,615

Enrollment at Brigham Young University has reached a new record of 25,615 daytime and evening students, an increase of 8.5 per cent over last by President Ernest L. Wilkinson, it was announced today year.

Daytime students at the Provo school, the largest university in Utah, number 24,144 and evening students, 1,471. BYU is the largest church-related university in the United States.

A breakdown of the figures for daytime students only shows a total of 6,648 freshmen, 4,628 of whom are new this year; 5,388 sophomores, 5,458 juniors, 4,566 seniors, 133 fifth-year engineering students, and 1,951 graduate students.

There are 2,507 new transfers from other colleges and universities this year.

Six of the 13 academic colleges with enrollments over 2,000 are the General College with 3, 447; Social Sciences. 3,264; Education, 2,396; Physical and Engineering Sciences, 2,371; Fine Arts and Communications, 2,191; and Business, 2,043.

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Striesand Premiere Is Hosted By Dublin Ward

Pictured are members of the Dublin Ward building committee Rose Ludwig (left) and Noralee Crezee.

By ROSE LUDWIG

There is excitement in the Dublin Ward these days! Our enterprising ward has undertaken to raise all the money needed to start our chapel in just one night!

We have arranged for the exclusive Bay Area Orchid Premier of HELLO DOLLY, starring BARBRA STRIESAND.

It will be shown December 17th, 8 p.m. at Century 21, in Oakland. Search lights will point the way to this the most anxiously awaited movie in a decade. Orchids will be flown in from Hawaii for this festive occasion, and a lovely buffet dinner has been arranged at the Hotel Claremont, Berkeley, after the movie.

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New Walnut Creek Stake Presidency

At the recent conference of the Walnut Creek Stake on October 19, 1969 ,Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve presented to the congregation Joseph Ray Hilton to be sustained as their new Stake President.

He is the son of Patriarch Eugene Hilton of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake, and the late Ruth S. Hilton. Pres. J. R. Hilton, born in Lehi, Utah April 16, 1919, filled a mission in the Western States. He was the 1st Bishop of the Pleasant Hill Ward in the Walnut Creek Stake, then a member of the 1st High Council of that stake and later 2nd Councilor to President Norman B. Creer, until Pres. Creer moved from the area. At that time Kenneth D. Jensen was made stake President. He chose President Hilton as his 1st Councilor. This position Pres. Hilton has filled for the past eight years. He has resided in the Bay Area since 1927.

At the reorganization of the stake, Pres. Jensen was called to be one of two Walnut Creek Stake Patriarchs, the other being Patriarch Vinal G. Mauss.

President Hilton chose for his Councilors Ronald W. B. Wyatt of Danville, previously 2nd Councilor to President Jensen, and William F. Mathews of Pleasant Hill and former Bishop of that Ward and member of the Stake High Council. Ronald B. Wyatt, now 1st Councilor, and his wife Lona have seven children. William F. Mathews, now 2nd Councilor, and his wife Murial have three children.

President Hilton is employed by Standard Oil Co. of California. He is a division supervisor in the Engineering Department.

President Wyatt is administrator of Kaiser Hospital for Northern California and President Mathews is a C.P.A.

President Hilton married Wanda Fulmer of Suzan City, Idaho, in the Salt Lake Temple. They're the parents of seven children: Joseph R., Jr., Stephen H., Susanne Cook. Karen L. Stokes, Barbara, Thomas and William. They have three grandchildren.

A unique situation exists in the Walnut Creek Stake. Two of President Hilton's brothers, John L. Hilton and George F. Hilton, are Bishops of the Walnut Creek 2nd Ward and the Lafayette Ward at this time.

Members of the High Council are: Clive Black, David B. Cummings, E. Dave Ogden, D. John McKinnen, Kent Rounds, Robert W. Chalmers, C. Blaine Kilmer, Don A. Martindale, Joseph W. Brown, Dean W. Criddle, and Garth Andrus.

Milton P. Ream Is Temple Counselor

Milton P. Ream was set apart by President N. Eldon Tanner, September 27, to serve as second counselor in the Oakland Temple Presidency.

President Ream fills a vacancy which resuted from the death of W. Paul Summerhays on August 3. He will serve with Oakland Temple President Thomas O. Call and First Counseor Thomas C. Byrne.

President Ream, an M.D., has maintained an office in the East Bay and is now located in San Lorenzo.

Church Service includes serving in the Presidency of three stakes: He was a counselor in the Oakland-Berkeley Stake Presidency for almost two years, President of San Leandro Stake about four years; and President of Hayward Stake, 5 years, until his release in 1961 when he moved to Oakland. He has taught in all auxiliaries and served in MIA and Sunday School Superintendencies, was a cunselor in a Bishopric, was Bishop of the Elmhurst ward and has served on a stake high council. He was serving as a sealer at the Temple when he was called to the Presidency.

President Ream, who says Temple work is "wonderful" lives with his wife, Helen, in Oakland ward.

BYU Celebrates 94th Birthday

Brigham Young University students and alumni commemorated the school's 94th year of existence at special Founder's Day activities Friday, Oct. 31.

On Oct. 16, 1875, the deed establishing the Brigham Young Academy was signed by President Brigham Young, and what was to become the multi-college, 24,000-plus student institution of today was born.

Marion G. Romney At S. F. Stake Conference

By BURNESS C. SALIN

The San Francisco Stake Quarterly Conference was held at the Stake House in Daly City, September 27th and 28th. Marion G. Romney, visiting General Authority, talked on restoring our lost sheep. His special blessing to all present was for them "to see the truth and have the determination to live it," and thus be able to return to Heavenly Father's presence hereafter.

He spoke for 40 minutes on the L.D.S. family home, and what is found in the ideal L.D.S. home. He mentioned five steps which help to make the ideal L.D.S. home on earth. They included Temple Marriage, the Law of Tithing, Prayer, Honoring the Priesthood, and teaching the Gospel in the home.

President Irven G. Derrick spoke on Home Teaching as a means of finding our lost sheep. Herbert Erb was chosen as the Stake Second Counselor to the President. Brother Erb bore his testimony and expressed his gratitude in being able to serve the Lord in this calling. Samuel Chandler was released as a High Councilor and was called to the newly created position of Stake Executive Secretary. The building was filled to capacity with members, seeking guidance and inspiration from these fine speakers. All seemed spiritually filled.

In This Issue

This month's edition introduces a new feature columnist, Don C. Phillips, writing on WORD OF WISDOM DIMENSIONS. Brother Phillips, of the San Lorenzo 2nd ward, San Leandro Stake, is a cheeful man with an excellent physical condition. His knowledge of health foods and personal conditioning should be a source of valuable guidance for all of us. The editors are proud to present his essays.

The centerfold this month features the Editor's informal diary of a trip to General Conference, in Salt Lake City. It is a blend of many experiences, from many conferences, and is written in an unusual style which might be called simply "thinking outloud."

Next month's MESSENGER features Associate Editor Jim Webb's special essay on the Oakland Temple, and a photo-feature story by Associate Editor Lorraine Grow.

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Robert K. Thomas Is 'Know Your Religion' Speaker

By GLENNA M. STEPHENS

Robert K. Thomas, lecture subject, "Insights Into the Book of Mormon" will be at the Oakland Interstake Center, Friday, November 7, 1969, at 8 p.m. Bro. Thomas, a native of Utah, received his B.A. degree from Reed College, his M.A. degree from the University of Oregon, and his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 1967.

Professor of English at B.Y.U., Dr. Thomas was named professor of the year in 1961. Currently the academic Vice-President of Brigham Young University, he received the Maeser Award for distinguished teaching in 1966.

Active in Church affairs, Dr. Thomas is in the presidency of the B.Y.U. Eighth Stake. He has been a B.Y.U. Campus Bishop.

He is married to the former Shirley Wilkes and they are the parents of three children.

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Six East Bay Stake Presidencies entertained Bishops, Oakland Temple Presidencies and Mission Presidencies and their wives at a dinner, September 25 in the Eastbay Interstake cultural hall.

Feature of the evening for approximatey 200 Eastbay church leaders was a talk by Gordon Owens who has a fifteen minute "Mormon" broadcast over Channel 2, KTVU, each Friday morning at 8:15. Brother Owens, an official with the church owned communication system reported on the many language broadcasts and described how general conference sessions are heard throughout the world. Some are by video tape with translations. Some are direct broadcast with Spanish interpreters.

After his talk, Brother Owens showed, by film, two programs which had been broad cast earlier in the year.

Oakland - Berkeley Stake President Elmo R. Smith encouraged church leaders to urge members to tune in on Friday mornings and also to invite non-member friends to see and hear Friday morning's "Religion Today" TV broadcast.

Stake Presidency hosts and hosteses represented six stakes: Concord, Fremont, Hayward, Oakland-Berkeley, San Leandro and Walnut Creek.

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The original box or sales slip is not required, but the merchandise must be new and not damaged, say owners Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Hottel of Pleasanton.

Finell Brothers Serve On Missions

John Calvin Finell, Pacific Grove Ward, son of Charles V. Finell of the High Council of Monterey Bay Stake, and his wife, Helen T. Finell, former members of the Walnut Creek Stake, is serving on a Mission to the East Central States. John Calvin was graduated from Del Valle High School, Walnut Creek, and attended Diablo Jr. College, Concord, Calif. and Monterey Peninsula College, Monterey, before leaving for the Mission home in May, 1969. He is a graduate of Seminary, and in the Reserve of the U.S. Air Force.

Richard Sterling Finell, Pacific Grove Ward, son of Charles and Helen, is serving in the Norwegian Mission. Prior to leaving in June, he attended eight weeks study at the Language Mission Training School, Ricks College, Rexburg, Idaho. Richard was graduated from the Carmel High School and completed one year at the Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. He is a Seminary graduate, has earned six Achievement Awards, and received his Eagle Scout Award in 1967. The Finell's live in Carmel Valley, California.

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The Ward News In Review

San Francisco Ward

By G. STRACKE

PAMELA WILSON has been called by the new Relief Society President with MARCIA ANN LUDLOW and VIRGINIA SINGER as her counselors. JAYLEEN NORDGREN was sustained as secretary replacing CHRISTINE AH NIN, now a busy Temple worker.

Our ward is fortunate in having the Institute of Religion within its boundaries and the new Director is CARL NIELSON who received his M.B.A. recently from BYU. His wife CAROL also graduated from the Y and they have a youngster DAVID. Recently the Young Marrieds group enjoyed a get-acquainted pot luck dinner at the Institute. The Nielsons plan many activities at the Institute and want the members to avail themselves of their various facilities.

MARK SOLOMON has been called to the Central British Mission. Back to the Y went ELAINE BOWER, LLOYD RICHMOND and KIM RICHMOND and KIM STRACKE. JEAN BAUMANN entered Ricks in Idaho.

Replacing REED PACE as Executive Secretary is newcomer WAYNE STANTON. Wayne, his wife LYN and four children, are an army career family and have lived abroad for sometime. Australian-born Lyn has been called to a Primary position.

TERRY GARDNER, longtime Deacon advisor, was transferred by his company to Ogden, so the deacons have now welcomed MICHAEL WELCH to this assignment.

Martinez Ward

By DELLA GREATHOUSE

The MIA has added Marylee Peters as a Bee Hive teacher and Kathleen Echols as Speech & Drama Dir., Neil Ross to work with the Explorers.

The Primary has called Donna Ross and Sandra Clifton as teachers. Graduation from primary for Danny McMillan and Brian was an important event as they were made Deacons in the Priesthood. Danny Morgan was ordained a priest on Sept. 14.

The ward members along with the McMillan family shared in a Missionary farewell on Sept. 28, for Jarred McMillan who will be going to Thailand.

Baptized on Oct. 11, was Linda Smith, daughter of Ted E. and Merrilyn Smith. She was confirmed by her father.

Martinez Ward continues to grow, so we welcome the following families; Delos & Annalee Miller, Ronald & Marjean Frogget, Sherrill Robinson, Kathy Knutson, Jack E. Ray, Linda Brenchley Sparacino, Howard Ray Jr., John & Lillian Abbott.

Our Diaper set includes the arrivals of a son, born to Gerry & Lewis Bastian, a son to Arletta & John Adams, and a daughter to Janet & Cliff Carter.

Mission Ward

By LEONARD W. CRYER

The San Francisco Stake Conference's morning session, Sunday, September 28, 1969, was especially noteworthy for the members of Mission Ward present.

First was the special blessing that they, with the other Stake family members, received from Elder Marion B. Romney of the Council of the 12, who presided over the conference, and gave his apostolic blessing to more than 1,000 men, women and children present.

Secondly, was the sustaining of Mission Ward's member, High Priest. Harry D. Raub, to be a new High Councilor. It has been many years since Mission Ward has been represented on the San Francisco Stake High Council.

Mission Ward's Seminary this year has added something new, and for the first time in San Francisco Stake, high schol age youths are able to attend a double-session of Seminary, each school day, Monday through Friday. The usual morning session is held at 6:30 a.m., and a special early evening session is held at 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Sister Siegrun Scorup, wife of Bishop James A. Scorup, who taught the Mission Ward's Seminary last year, and is also this year's teacher, found that several youths were unable to attend the normal morning classes, but wanted to go to Seminary, especially this year, when the subject is the History of the Church.

SUNBONNETS IN NOVEMBER! ! ! — Mrs. Edythe Hendricks, left, and Mrs. Louise Palmer, center, admire a pioneer sunbonnet which was made by Mrs. Merlyn Lee for selling at the forthcoming bazaar of the Castro Valley Ward Relief Society, scheduled for Saturday, November 15, 1969. Mesdames Hendricks and Palmer are counselors in the Relief Society and Mrs. Lee serves as work director.

—Phonto: Bruce Merrell

Castro Valley

By EDYTHE HENDRICKS

"Enthusiasm" is a word meaning "eager devotion to" and 'a cause of intense, lively interest" so it is also a word to be applied to members of the Castro Valley Ward Relief Society as they prepare for their annual bazaar. The event is the end of the year sale and show of work which has been created by the artistic and practical hands of the sisters of the organizations.

The theme this year will be in the atmosphere of the county fair. There will be fun booths, finger - licking good things to eat, clowns, big and little, and lots of opportunity to visit and commune with friends and members whom we scarcely have time to talk to during other Church duties.

Mrs. Barbara Barker, Relief Society president, is general chairman of the event, with active assistance from her counselors, Mrs. Louise Palmer and Mrs. Edythe Hendricks and all the other hard working sisters.

Packaged food will be for sale, together with numberless items which will be just right for the "difficult" Christmas gift. Scheduled for Saturday, November 15, the affair will begin at 11 a.m. and continue through until 8 p.m. Everybody is welcome to come and join in the fun.

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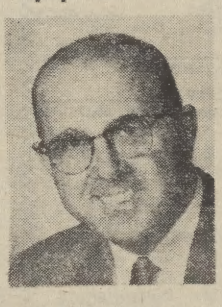

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Oakland Fifth Ward

David Paulsen, son of Don and Donna Paulsen, and Thom Ogden, son of Ed and Betty Ogden have been called to serve full time missions in Italy and Germany respectively. They are presently attending the language training mission at Brigham Young University.

The fifth ward "Open House", sponsored by the Seventies and Missionaries on October 18, was considered very successful. A movie, "In this Holy Place," set the stage for a family home evening demonstration by the Joseph Wood family. Each auxiliary had a well planned display and a perfectly executed demonstration. Sixty non - members attended with their L.D.S. friends.

Dean Madsen, who has served eight years as a counselor in the Bishopric; four years with Bishop Wood and four years with Bishop Wickel, was released last month, and sustained as a Stake clerk in Oakland-Berkeley Stake.

Alameda & Alemeda 2nd Wards

WEDDING BELLS... RANG OUT for two young couples in the Alameda 1st Ward when Kathleen Churney of Newark was wed to Fred Strube of Alameda, in the Ward Chapel Sat., 11th. Oct., the Ceremony was performed by Bishop Ross W. Westover. Fred is in the U.S. Coastguard.

Also the Marriage of Merle Sue Sillmore to David Lawerence Corso took place in the Ward Chapel Fri. 10th. Oct. Daniel B. Harrison of the Bishopric officiating in the Ceremony. Merle is a recent Convert.

Clifford Munns and Lawerence Robinson took Clifford Baker, Bob DeWitt, Glen Zundel and Kade Munns to Disneyland in recognition of each of them having received their "Individual Priesthood Award" this year. Kade Munns received his recently, he being the newest member of the group.

Curtis Wheat has been ORDAINED a Teacher, Tracy Lea Armstrong Taylor was BAPTIZED and CONFIRMED by M. Robert Modie.

The "LUAU" in late Sept. put on by Walter and Kay Napoleon was a huge success. We regret to say it will be their last one as they are semi-retiring and will spend their time between their four children in Hawaii and their four here, plus all the grandchildren. We want to express "Our thanks" to them for their years of devoted and dedicated work they have contributed to the Success of the Wards. We wish them "ALOHA".

Pittsburg Ward

A SUCCESSFUL FUN FAIR was held October 4, at the Pittsburg Ward Chapel for the purpose of raising funds for the new chapel to be built in the near future. Under the direction of Chairman Keith Sawyer, the days events were started with a big pancake breakfast with M.I.A. Supt. Glen Payne, doing the duties of Chef. M.I.A. workers and girls assisted him. Following this event, booths brought in by the Fun Ways Co. of Walnut Creek were set up in the parking lot where the crowd enjoyed the games and festivities and prizes.

OUTSTANDING was the word for the Relief Society Opening Social held in September. Beginning at 10:00 a.m., a program of a review of the years lessons were presented by the teachers who were Sis. Deana Budge, Visiting Teacher Topic Leader, Sis. Marjorie Lunt, Spiritual Living teacher, Sis. Annette Harris, Social Service teacher. Sis. Barbara Hollingshead, Home Making teacher and Sis. Trudy Fountain, Literature teacher. A delicious brunch followed under the chairmanship of the Relief Society Presidency Sis. Verda Hughes, president, Vera Sawyer and Ruth Payne, Counselors.

San Lorenzo 2nd

By OLGA SMITH

Tickets are on sale for an evening of entertainment. POLYNESIAN PARADISE. This program features the internationally famous Eddie Malae and his Islanders, presented at the Interstake Center Auditorium November 14 at 8 p.m. This event is sponsored by the combined San Lorenzo Wards and the proceeds will be used for new drapes and lights for the stage in the cultural hall.

Eugene L. Bond, Jr. has been sustained as 1st Councilor in the Deacon's quorum. Roger Bond has been awarded Scout of the Month in recognition of outstanding performance. Each month a boy will be chosen for this award.

Fremont 3rd

By GLADYS M. CLAYSON

Fremont 3rd Ward is happy to have several new families come into the ward recently, Harry and Annette Scott, Jay and Kathy Clark and their two little girls, and the Lane Foot family who moved here from Stockton, with their eight children. We are also happy to have some new convert families, James and Carol Harris and their four children, Max and Carol Peterson and their baby girl, Peggy Price and daughter Vicky Lynn and Luann Cory.

We are pleased to have three Indian students in our ward this year. Gary Sanchez, 11, is staying at the home of Pres. and Sister Nicolaysen. He is attending Hopkins Jr. High, this his first year with the Student Placement Program, and he comes to us from Flagstaff, Ariz. Crayton Jackson, 14, is staying with the Leo Williams family and is a Freshman at Mission San Jose High. Steve Kaye, 14, is living with the Morris Wills family. He is in the eighth grade and is from Holbrook, Ariz. They are all fine young people and we are happy to have them with us.

Newark Ward

By E. K. LANE

This month proved a busy one for the Newark ward. Some 14 families got together and had a fun campout at Big Basin. A snipe hunt just after dusk was the exciting highlight for many of the children and some of the adults as well. The hunt was most unrewarding. No one caught a single snipe, though many were seen.

This year's carnival was held on the lot where the future Newark Chapel will be built. It was a rousing success and what fun with lots of prizes. This was topped off with a spaghetti feed.

At the present rate it looks like this chapel will be started before the end of 1969. This is a dream come true after only seven years of waiting since the Newark ward was organized. Bishop Ed Maughn was just recently set apart as the new Bishop following the seven years of service by Bishop Ross Westover.

Pleasant Hill Ward

By ESTHER ENGLAND

Since the Stake Presidency was reorganized, our former Bishop Dean W. Criddle has been called to Service on the High Council.

There will be Open House on Nov. 21 at 7:00 p.m. sponsored by The Stake Mission, both wards participating.

Relief Society Bazaar will be held Nov. 7th, at 6:00 p.m.

Frank Blair passed away in September and his funeral service was held in the Pleasant Hill Chapel.

A beautiful baby boy has come to bless the home of Ralph and Aileen Walker. He weighed seven lbs and 5 ozs. and is named Kirt Ralph.

All organizations are preparing festivities for the coming Holidays.

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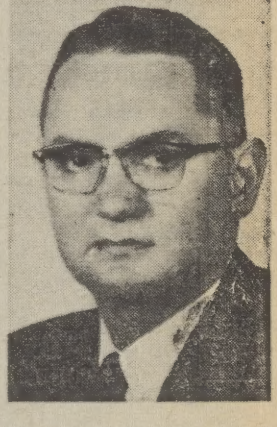

Reflections On A Conference Weekend By The Editor

Entering Salt Lake City. Feeling it. Smelling it. The air is fresh and crisp. The streets are wide and clean.

No snow. No rain. Remembering the joke about Conference; "When the Saints meet, the heavens weep." There is always rain at Conference.

Stopping at bread shop at ZCMI, across from the Hotel Utah. "Sorry, all the hot, freshly baked bread is gone. Come back in ten minutes. We'll bake some more." It is baked right there, and customers buy it right out of the oven, buttered or with honey. It sells very fast.

Browse in Deseret Book store. Pick up a new book by Dunn. Roy looking for Vol. IV of Joseph Smith's **History of The Church.**

Stop at Cumming's Candy. Finding President McKay's special order card in their files; he likes all dark chewys. Wondering if this is President McKay's favorite candy shop. We order some dark chewys.

We always plan on attending Priesthood Saturday night, but inevitably run into old friends and must have dinner and talk. Then, Priesthood long over with, we might as well see a movie.

Thinking it can't be morning already. Everybody up at 5 A.M. Conference starts at 10 A.M. Is it raining? No, not yet. Grabbing the book purchased yesterday at Deseret Book. Also don't forget some candy bars and the binoculars.

Arriving just when doors open. Getting a good seat. Thinking the benches are made out of wood and are hard to sit on. The majestic bronze organ, still asleep, is peaceful and beautiful. Everybody is friendly.

The tabernacle is old. Thinking it is something like a hundred years old. Electronic devices have made it an up-to-date auditorium, however. Electric lights and loud speakers. A television monitor faces the chairs reserved for the First Presidency, behind the podium, so they can see the speakers face. In front, slightly to the left and right of the podium, are two mirrors. From the audience, the mirrors are invisible. But from the podium, the speaker can see his speech, projected from a projection room under the podium, reflected in the mirrors. He can read his speech while looking at the audience. Of course, not all the speakers use these prompters.

Someone told me the organ used to be powered by a stream that ran under the Tabernacle, but that now it is run electrically. Don't quote me on that.

Tabernacle full now. Smiling usher saying "Come now, brothers and sisters, we can fit three or four more in that row." Usher craming five more in that row, and still looking at it as though there were room for more. Everybody squashed.

The choir rehearsing. Conductor asking the audience to be quiet. The choir singing is deep, full, vibrating. The organ is awake. The books and binoculars are put down. Ten thousand saints stir expectantly; the morning session is beginning at last.

Lunch afterwords in the Skyroom of the Hotel Utah. One of the Twelve is there having lunch also, with friends. His remarks this morning in the Tabernacle were spiritual and inspiring.

Monday morning arriving too early. Leaving, but must stop at bakery shop again. "Sorry, all the fresh, hot bread is sold. Come back in ten minutes."

Raining. In the car, leaving Salt Lake. Turn around and look through back window at the Temple. The air is fresh and cool. Eating hot, buttered bread everybody is tired, but renewed.

—Morgan Howard King, Editor

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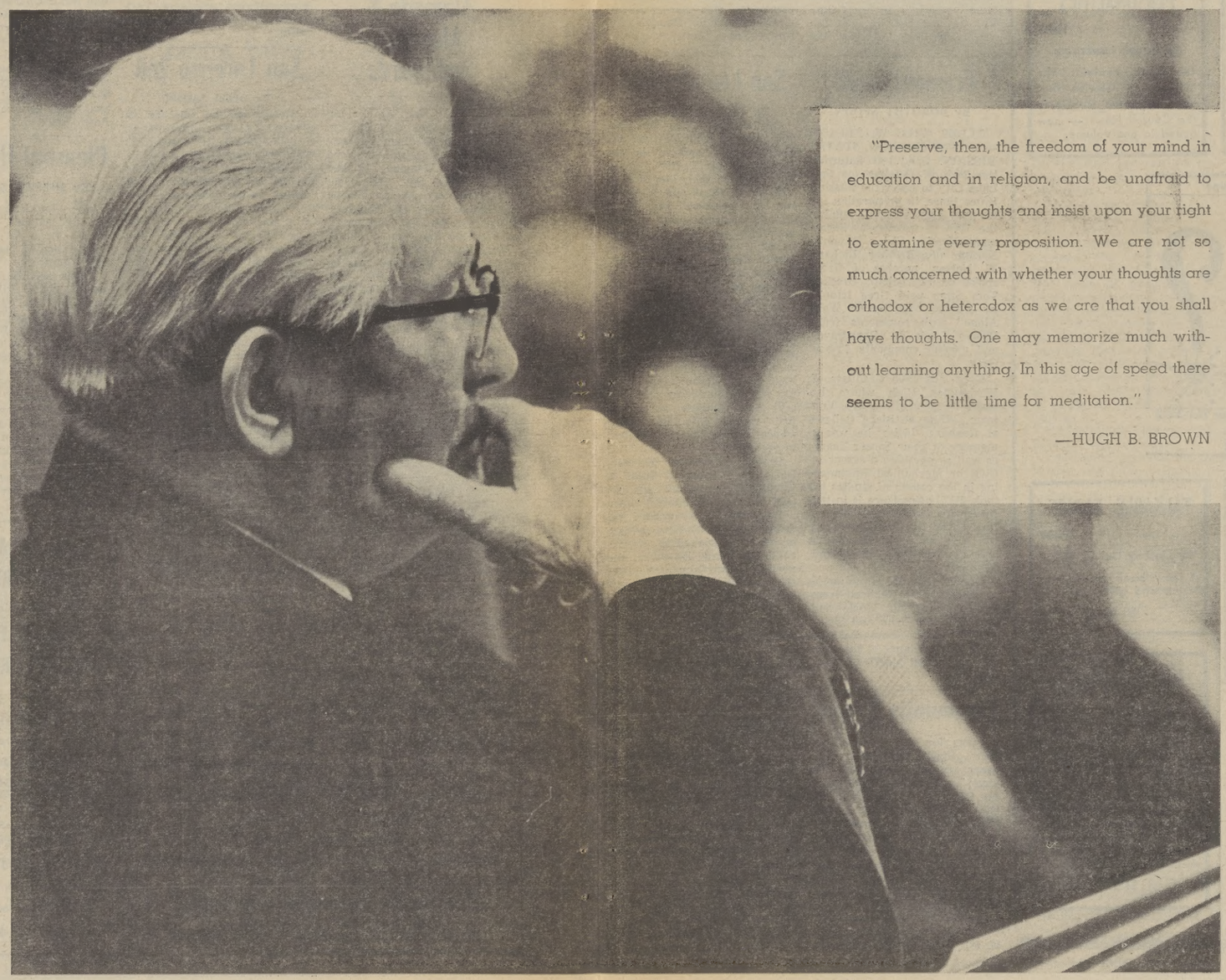

"Preserve, then, the freedom of your mind in education and in religion, and be unafraid to express your thoughts and insist upon your right to examine every proposition. We are not so much concerned with whether your thoughts are orthodox or heterodox as we are that you shall have thoughts. One may memorize much without learning anything. In this age of speed there seems to be little time for meditation."

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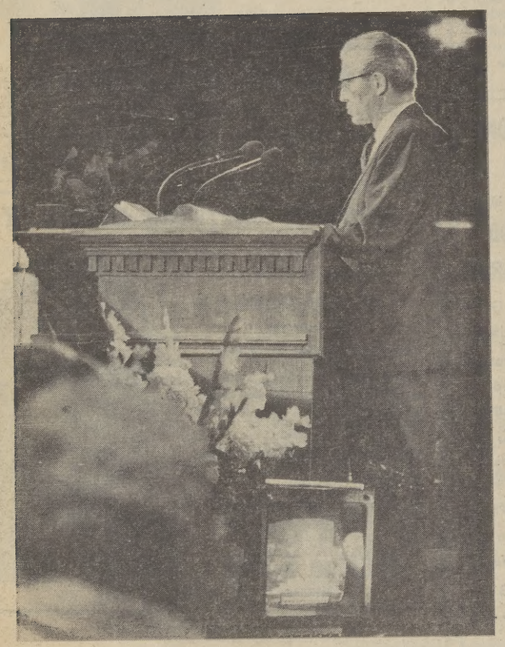

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Patricia Judd Stone is well known on both the concert and opera stage. She has sung with Philharmonic orchestras, and with the Salt Lake Tabernacle choir as soprano soloist. She is well known in this area for her light opera roles. Her early training was with the famous Emma Lucy Gates. Subsequently she studied with Richard Bonelli, and at Curtis Institute of Music, Philadephia. She was, before her marriage to Ronald V. Stone, a voice instructor at Brigham Young University. Though the mother of six children, she has found time to continue with her singing, and we eagerly look forward to hearing her again. She will be accompanied by Nila Stephens.

Robert R. Douglas is a successful business man, with a wide territory to cover, but has kept close to the Organ World both as a performer and as the man who helped with the design of the Interstake organ, and finally went to Germany to check out the instrument prior to its shipment and installation here. His musical career was pursued at Brigham Young University, under J. J. Keeler, and in Southern California with the prominent Clarence Mader.

Frances Shelby Beniams was also a pupil of J. J. Keeler, at Brigham Young University. In the Bay Area her musical career was continued under Ludwig Altman, of San Francisco, and through various instructors at the University of California. She has acted as co-director of this concert series, under Director Douglas, for the past nine years.

Fremont Ward

By DOROTHY SPOON

ELDER GREG W. NELSON — NORTH CENTRAL STATES MISSION. Greg left Saturday the 25th of October for Salt Lake City to enter the Mission Home there, in preparation for his two year mission. Sunday the 19th of October at Sacrament Meeting Sister Marjorie Nelson and Brother Richard W. Nelson, parents of Greg, spoke on his behalf. Brother Tom Stam paid Greg tribute by singing "I'll Never Walk Alone" with comments from Bishop Louis B. Gappmayer and closing comments from Greg.

Greg is a 1968 Graduate of Washington High where he was a member of the wrestling team. While at Ricks College at Rexburg, Idaho, he was a member of their Soccer Team, as well as pursuing a career in Civil or Mechanical Engineering in the course of studies he took. BYU attendance is in the future for Gregg, upon his return from this mission. Greg has been active in all church activities including Mutual and Seminary.

Greg's maternal Grandmother Sister Bessie Hartwell from Montana and his Uncle and Aunt Brother Lynn and Sister Lasca Poulson from Oakland were in attendance at this special Sacrament meeting honoring Greg.

Community Bazaar

Plans for the Oakland-Berkeley Stake Community Bazaar are being finalized this week by the Stake Relief Society Officers. "Circus Time" is the theme and in the center ring who knows what may happen. This first annual Relief Society Community Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 8, 1969, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the East Bay Interstake Center.

Rayola Palmer, General Chairman, reports there will be fun, food, elegant gifts and practical items for sale. Everything will be hand-made or hand-sewn by Relief Society women in the Oakland-Berkeley Stake.

San Leandro 2nd

By RUBY B. OSTLER

Our annual bazaar and harvest festival will be held on November 7th and all the organizations are busily preparing items for their booths that will be practical and interesting to members and their friends. As usual there will be all kinds of gifts, food and baked goods for sale and a family dinner will be served. We are looking forward to an evening of fun and profit for our ward.

Since the boundary line has been changed we have seen a big change in our attendance at church services. We welcome the new members and hope they will be happy with us; we also welcome the several new families who have just moved into the ward whose records have been voted in recently.

Brother and sister Herman Davis have returned from a vacation in the islands and report having a wonderful time.

David Bauer has reached his destination in Panama where he will be stationed as an officer in the army. His wife Connie will follow him as soon as she can sell their car and get transportation.

Our Sunday School has just recently instituted the Micro-teaching method which is becoming so popular throughout the church. Sister Joyce Poulson is the teacher, and eight potential teachers are taking the course.

Barbara Reilly has her two lovely sisters from Colorado staying with her family for the winter; we welcome them into our midst.

Wedding bells are ringing for two of our older members, sister Pearl Bray and brother Carlen. They were married recently and spent their honeymoon in the islands. We wish them much happiness.

Hardy-McCollam

Greeting guests at their wedding reception held in the Castro Valley Chapel on August 22, were Mr. and Mrs. Curt McCollam. They were married in the Salt Lake Temple on August 19, 1969.

Mrs. McCollam is the former Kay Hardy, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hardy of Orem, Utah. She attended Brigham Young University for one year prior to moving to California.

Curt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford McCollam of Castro Valley. He will enter California State College in Hayward this fall.

Attending the bridal couple were Nancy, Michele and Janine Winter; Cindy Nalstrom was the flower girl. Dennis Scott was Curt's best man. Out of town guests included the groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William McCollam from Yankee Jim's, California.

Following a brief honeymoon in northern California, the bridal couple established their home in San Leandro.

Eunice Hancock who has been hospitalized for several months following an injury sustained in a fall has been released from the hospital and is now home.

James Frankum and William Ostler have both finished serving their foreign missions and are enrolled at B.Y.U. for the year.

Concord Stake Conference Held

By BOOTS BARRUS

Presiding authority for the September Conference, held in the I.S.C. in Oakland, was Elder Henry D. Taylor, Asst. to the Council of Twelve. He was on special assignment while in the Concord Stake to dedicate the new Clayton Valley Ward Chapel, and spent Saturday and Sunday filling his assignment.

President Ted E. Madsen conducted the morning session for the Stake congregation of 2,187 Saints in attendance. He turned business matters over to President Raymond F. Evenson who presented the following: With a vote of thanks, Sis. Joan Snow was released as Stake Primary President and Sis. Marie Redman was sustained as the new President with Vena Smith as 1st Counselor, and Felicia Lang, 2nd Councilor.

With the moving of Bishop James Campbell members of the Concord 3rd Ward voted and sustained a new Bishopric. Called to serve as the new Bishop was Alma DeVaughn Jensen with Joe F. Wright as 1st Councilor and Dean Evans as 2nd Councilor. Voting was unanimous.

Upon the conclusion of business, President Madsen delivered a stirring address stressing the need for all saints to examine the necessity for punctuality at all meetings. The habit of punctuality is most important and none should violate this important habit for the Lord is the greatest of all believers in being punctual. God is the author of order and he expects us to establish a degree of order in our lives. Lack of punctuality is lack of consideration for others.

Following his address, Pres. Ernest I. Adams spoke.

Concluding speaker for the session was Elder Henry D. Taylor who delivered a sermon on the Articles of Faith, divine authority and direct revelation.

Special music was furnished by the 2 combined choirs of the Clayton Valley Wards with numbers conducted by Rosalind Crosby and Edwin Krieger with Mary Johnson serving as accompanist.

Mark Tippetts Called On Mission

Elder Mark Howe Tippetts, left the mission home in Salt Lake City on Oct. 4th, and is now serving as a full time missionary in the Central Atlantic States Mission. He is at present in the State of Virginia.

Mark is the son of Harrison and Betty Tippetts of the Fremont 3rd Ward in Fremont. His brother Lyle returned from a mission just three months prior to Marks leaving.

Stephens-Staska

Cathy Stephens became the bride of Joseph Scott Staska in the Oakland Temple on Friday, August 29, 1969, with President Thomas Call officiating.

Cathy, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George S. Stephens of Castro Valley, is a 1967 graduate of Brigham Young University. After graduation, she was employed by Los Angeles County as a social worker and recently taught special education classes for retarded children in Castro Valley.

The bridegroom had just completed a 2-year Northern California Mission the day before their wedding. Before serving his misssion, Joe attended Brigham Young University where he and Cathy met.

Receiving guests with the bridal pair at an evening reception at the Castro Valley Ward Chapel were the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. George S. Stephens, and Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Staska of Des Moines, Iowa, parents of the groom. Attendants included Janice Stephens, maid of honor for her sister, Liz Staska, Donna Wilde and Elaine Davis. Serving as best man to Joe was his mission companion, Brent Turley; ushers were Joe's brothers Mark and David, both of Des Moines.

Among the over 300 guests at the reception were the bride's grandmother, Mrs. George W. Stephens from Provo,Utah; her aunt, Mrs. Calvin Corey and son Timothy of Las Vegas, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Colovich of Merced, she is Dr. Stephen's sister; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shead from Henderson, Nevada, sister of Mrs. Stephens. Also among distinguished guests were President and Mrs. Wilbur Cox of the Northern California Mission and President Irvin G. Derrick of the San Francisco Stake.

Following their marriage, the newlyweds left for Iowa where Cathy is now teaching handicapped children while Joe completes his education at Iowa State University.

Knapp-Larsen

On Friday, August 29, 1969, Crista Knapp and Douglas Pitkin Larsen, Jr. exchanged marriage vows in the Oakland Temple with President Delbert F. Wright officiating. The wedding date chosen by the young couple was the 34th wedding anniversary of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas P. Larsen, Sr.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs Hermann A. K. Knapp of Chicago, Christa is a graduate of Brigham Young University, Class of 1969.

Douglas is a student and teching assistant at Brigham Young University where he has completed three years of his education. He served a two-year mission in Germany.

Meg Larsen, sister of the groom, served as Krista's maid of honor. Other attendants were Kritsen Taylor and Julie Kimball.

Christopher Larsen was his brother's best man. Ushers were Steven Gant, John Mars and Richard Van Dyke.

The bridal couple greeted guests at an evening reception in the home of the groom's parents n Hinton Avenue in Castro Valley.

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Wanda won her award during the 1969 Era of Youth Writing Contest with the submission of her 500 word narrative entitled, "The Execution." The story is one of more than 1,000 compositions in verse and prose submitted during the contest, sponsored by the Improvement Era.

"The Execution" is a heart throb type of piece about a mud spattered little girl's rescue of a starling entangled in some twigs floating down a creek and the relevancy of this incident to an execution taking place later at San Quentin Prison.

Wanda, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norris R. Weimer, 555 Jackson Avenue, Livermmore, is presently a sophomore at BYU majoring in English with a desire to teach English to foreign students.

Her hobbies are flying, mountain climbing and writing.

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The Gospel In Perspective

HOWARD KING

The Looking Glass

I met a girl one year on the Davis campus of the University of California. Her name was Susanne. I fell in love with her in the middle of Spring Quarter exams.

I always fall in love during exams. It relieves the monotony. This time the exams were particularly boring, and as a diversion I decided not only to day-dream about Susanne, but to actually meet her.

Having decided this, I plotted a trajectory which would intersect her path, executed it in a military manner, met her, and set up a date for the following Monday night.

On Sunday I went over to her dorm to see if we still had a date. Unfortunately, she did not have time to spend with me the next day. It seems she was going on a march to protest something-or-other. But she was in a talking mood and revealed that she had doubts about whether she should go or not. So she did something I had never heard of before in my college or Law School career; she picked up the phone and called her mother, in Fullerton, Orange County, and asked her advice!

Several minutes passed, and her mother came back on the line. She told Susanne that she had talked it over with her father, and that they did not want her to go on the march. They did not agree with the students on this particular issue, and furthermore it might be dangerous. However (and this is the essence of this story) she told Susanne the decision was hers to make, and they wanted her to know that whatever decision she made, they would support her one hundred per cent!

This was an unusual kind of love. Her parents were honest in their feelings, but made no attempt to force their daughter to conform. Instead, they expressed faith in her as a person, assured her of total support, and sent her on her own road.

I presume her parents have followed this policy for a long time. The result; Susanne, a college senior far from home, called her mother for advice.

Other exams and other girls have come and gone. But one memory lasts; I call it the Parable of Susanne's Phone-Call.

DON C. PHILLIPS

Word of Wisdom Dimensions

Joseph Smith taught that "it is the will of God that man should repent and serve him in health, and in the strength and power of his mind, in order to secure his blessings".

It would be very difficult for one to exercise strength and power of mind as the Lord directed, if a physical deficiency existed to drain away our natural energies and ambitions. It stands to reason that a healthy, vigorous person is in a far better position to work out his or her own salvation, thereby, becoming a useful mortal instrument of our heavenly father.

Paul said: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are".

To add a personal interpretation; it must therefore be, that in knowingly doing things which reflect a neglect of our bodily needs, we are seeking our own mortal destruction, for remember Paul said: "—if any man defile the temple of God (which is your physical being) him shall God destroy". To add further strength to this we can read of medical research into the steady rise in cases of heart disease, strokes cancer, arthritis or other crippling diseases . . . more and more it is found that Americans' poor choice of diet and lack of proper exercise are causing a bodily neglect which results in its premature failure. To experience the exciting feeling of a sound and healthy body, you must pursue the rules that lead to it (yes, there are very definite rules you must live by). These rules are proper diet, exercise, and above all the desire to accomplish this magnificent feeling. It could mean the literal changing of some of your lifelong habits which act as a deterent to your goals.

In coming issues of the Messenger, this column will deal specifically with your health and well being. I welcome at anytime, letters and comments resulting from the written subject matter.

PAT BENSON

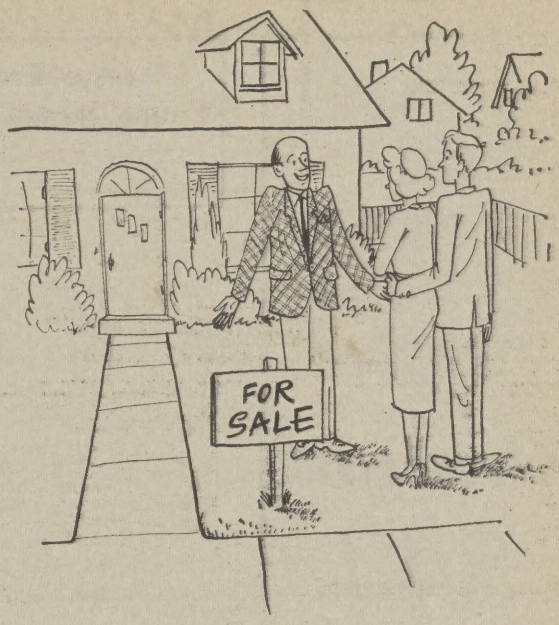
Science & Logic Prove Religion

"Scientific Proofs of Joseph Smith's Teachings."

In Scientific American magazine, April 1967 issue, 216: 106-2, in an article entitled "Antimatter and Cosmology" by H. Alfven you may read about the antimatter world. There is an antimatter counterpart to each person, each animal, each blade of grass. Even one for the world. Antimatter is made up of the identical atomic and genetic structure as its material counterpart, but it is so diffused that we cannot see it. This proves Joseph Smith's teachings on the spirit; that it is structurally the same but its material substance is too refined to be seen by man. Also that each person, animal and blade of grass his a spirit and also the world.

The existence of good (God) and evil (Satan) forces was proved by an atheist scientist who became religious after he saw the results of his experiments. Dying people who were praying were checked for waves they were emitting. A radio station broadcasts on the level of 9 and reaches many cities. The people who were communicating with God were emitting waves at a level of 500 (over 55 times the strength needed to run a radio station). This great emission of waves proved they were actually communicating with a force (God). An evil man in the act of evil was tested and his waves registered at -500 which showed he was in touch with the evil force (Satan). This proves church teachings on how our prayers reach God.

Other scientific proofs of church doctrines will be discussed in the next issue of the Messenger.



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A FRESHER CRIME

I'm not saying I'm above it all,
But it's strange that we have failed to find
An original sin since Adam's fall.
And the years have passed and passed us by
And still there is no reason why
We haven't found a fresher crime
(something new and modern)
To drag us down into the slime.
(A handful of sins to this Earth ar native.
I look for the vice that's creative).
Above the masses I should stay,
Until a new road to sin is found;
For art's sake, you might say,
I prefer things done in a different way.

—Morgan

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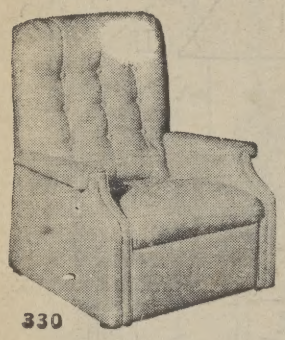

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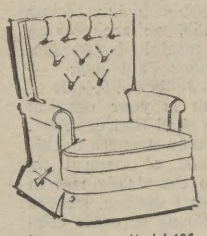

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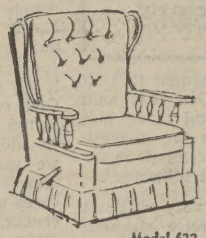

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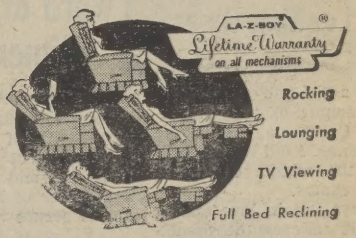

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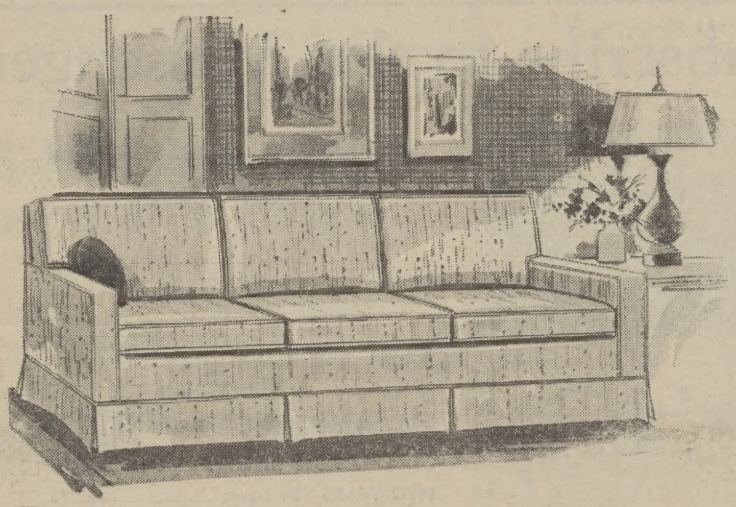

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